

good billet and prouision ready vpon their first demand, that they will serue other places so.

The King of *Denmarks* businesse lies next in our way; who is said to haue appointed a Meeting at *Steenberghen* in *Holsatia*, vpon the 13 of *May* (*style nouo*) where the Duke of *Brunswicke* the elder, and the young Generall *Christian* of *Brunswicke* are to meet in person; as also the Duke of *Lunenburgh*, and diuers other Princes: but to what purpose wee cannot learne as yet.

Now are wee to come to the Count of *Mansfield*; of whom they write, that hee hath now what hee desired, for that he hath both receiued certaine months pay for his whole Army from the French King; and had also some Letters of better newes brought vnto him: vpon the receiuing of which, hee in a Souldierly brauery, caused all his Ordnance to lustily discharged for ioy, and drew out all his forces, which hee presently put into order of Battell, commanding his Souldiers to charge their Pikes and present their Muskets, & to doe all the postures that belongd to a Skirmish, and yet all in a dumbe show. After all this, hee is now mustering and paying his Souldiers, and hauing money atorehand, hee hath lately sent for some Waggoners out of *Holland*. His Officers and Commissaries came to the *Hage* vpon *May Eue*, where they bought and bespake much necessary prouision for the Army: the Prince of *Orange* receiued a letter from him, and his men reported he was then almost 20000 strong in souldiers, both horse and foot, besides the hang-byes of the Army. Since which (as you may remember in our last) hauing receiued 4000 more out of *France*,

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France, he wil be able to march 20000 strong, which is as much as hee desires. Further, his Officers reported, how that he would shortly remoue out of his old quarter. And other letters there bee from *Cullen* and *Amsterdam*, which tell vs, that hee ha-ving receiued some Wagons, Carts, and other Carriages which he sent for into *Holland*, that hee had now (*May 16*) sent certaine of his prouisions to-wards the Towne of *Embden*, but his purpose in it is as yet kept as priuate as his other designes of war vse to bee, which is as much as to say, that Count *Mansfield* is his owne Councell of war. And in this Posture of content wee now leaue him.

Before wee come into the Low Countries, wee will touch at the Fort of *Papenmutz*, where the letters from *Cullen*, *May 16*, affirme, that the Spanish are daily very busie at worke vpon the Chappell especially. And the Gouvernour hath commanded, that none of his within the Fort, shall make stay of any Ships, Punts, or other Boats which come down the Rhyne with Marchandizes, prouided, that the said Vessells come in the day time, that so it may bee seene, that they carry no souldiers, or other war-like prouision vnto their enemies. Hee hath also prohibited to demaund any money of them, for licence to passe or repasse, but hath commanded that they may be suffered to goe freely about their trafficke, both vpward and downwards.

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